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1. A U-2 biplane took off from the airfield of Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen (N 24/U 67) at 11:30 a.m. on 20 January 1950, heading north. Other aircraft were parked at the field, but their types could not be determined as they were too far away. Heavily damaged hangars were identified in the woods south of the field, and at the southeastern corner of the field. Twenty Soviet Air Force soldiers on truck

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2. There was flying with two-seat single-engine low-wing mono-planes fitted with radial engines and painted grey at the Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen airfield on 20 and 21 January 1950 in sunny weather and good visibility. Two planes took off together, circling the airfield once, and after landing changing pilot. About 30 planes looking alike were parked in the dispersal area on the southern border of the field.

3. The weather was very hazy and there was no flying on 22 January 1950. The following trucks were seen proceeding to and from the field:

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4. The construction status of the Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen airfield between 20 and 23 January 1950 was as follows:

The repair work on the dwelling blocks in the small woods seemed to be completed. Construction equipment was not seen at the field. Workers said that the work had been interrupted due to

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the extreme cold. The E-W runway had been widened. The concrete taxiway from the woods to the runway had been brought to a width of 40 meters and extended beyond the runway to the north. Newly erected board fences were seen in the small woods on the southern border of the field.

5. The noise of aircraft engines was heard from the woods on the southern border of the field. The hangars at the northeastern corner of the woods were empty. According to several local residents a fighter unit was stationed at the field. The observed guards wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The tank truck [REDACTED] were seen on the southern approach road to the field. 25X1C

A strikingly large number of Soviet Air Force officers and soldiers was seen in Neubrandenburg. The officers wore war decorations.

6. There was no flying at the Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen airfield on 27 January 1950 in spite of good weather. However, a few air force soldiers were seen. Aircraft were not in evidence. According to airfield workers 60 fighters were parked, well camouflaged, at the field. They also stated that 150 workers of the Mecklenburg Bauunion were employed at the field and that the Bauunion from Waren (N 54/U 35) and a construction firm from Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54) had been employed there up to 20 January 1950. On 22 January 1950 five concrete mixing machines were loaded for shipment to Waren and Schwerin (N 54/T 46). Only one concrete mixing machine remained. According to the airfield workers, the construction work at the field was almost completed.

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Comment:

a. The presence in Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen of a fighter unit was concordantly stated by all sources. 25X1C
Two fighter regiments, one presumably assigned to the 193rd Ftr Div, the other to the 278th Ftr Div, are assumed to be stationed in Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen. Apparently most of the planes are parked in the woods on the southern border of the field.

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b. Para 2 does not make it clear whether [REDACTED] saw the Yak-11 trainer or a two-seater version of the LA-5 or LA-9.

c. Motor vehicles with [REDACTED] 25X1C
have not been observed with air force units. It remains to be seen whether this series was recently assigned to an air force unit.

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d. The [REDACTED] construction work in Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen (para 4) is in agreement with previous reports.

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